Non-Utilisation of Central Funds for the Welfare of SCs/STs in Karnataka

1179. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an Editiorial in the 'Deccan Herald' (Bangalore), dated 5th October, 1995, under the caption "Earnestness needed", wherein it has been stated that Central Funds meant for welfare of SCs/STs in Karnataka have been allowed to lapse year after year;

(b) if so, the details of the funds that lapsed in the years 1992, 1993, 1994 and so far in 1995; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take to ensure that funds are utilised and not allowed to lapse?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Inforamtion is being collected from the state Government and will be placed on the table of the House. Necessary monitoring and coordination is carried out to ensure funds are utilised in time.

Self-Sufficiency in Foodgrains

1180. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: will the Minsiter of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the foodgrain items in which the country has achieved self-sufficiency at present;

(b) whether there are any foodgrains which are being exported at present but we have not achieved self-sufficiency; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the annual export postion of those items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) the country has achieved self-sufficiency in various foodgrain items except in pulses.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The export of pulses has been as follows:

Item	1994-95 (P)		1995-96 (P) (Apr. to Aug.)	
	Qty. (in 000 tonnes)	Value (in crores of Rs.)	Qty (in 000 tonnes)	Value (in crores of Rs.)
Pulses	59.50	90.36	20.23	37.62

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Production of Sugarcane in the Country

1181. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister ofAGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is frequent variation in the production of sugarcane in the country;

(b) whether Government have enquired into this aspect of sugarcane production;

(c) whether any strategy has been planned to meet such situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (d) There is no significant frequent variation in the Sugarcane prodcution. The production of sugarcane has shown a positive trend over a period of time.

Tamil Nadu's Scheme for harnessing the surplus water of Kerala's Rivers

1182. DR. D. MASTHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the demand of Tamil Nadu for harnessing the surplus water of west flowing rivers of Kerala for use in its